

(Washington, DC) - Today, the U.S. House of Representatives approved the conference report on the FY 2008 Department of Defense Appropriations bill (H.R. 3222), which includes \$8.16 million secured by Congressman Altmire for defense projects in western Pennsylvania. The funding is expected to create more than 50 new high-paying jobs and sustain nearly 2,000 positions in western Pennsylvania. H.R. 3222 passed the House by a vote of 400 to 15.

**"This bipartisan bill will invest in equipment, training, and cutting edge research that will save American lives and create new jobs in western Pennsylvania,"** said Congressman Altmire.

**"These local companies are leading the way with innovative, lifesaving technologies and represent our region's potential to emerge as one of the top high-tech corridors in the country. This funding is critical to continuing the important work of these companies and will help keep our region's economy moving forward."**

The following funding was secured by Congressman Altmire:

- **Accipiter Systems, Inc. (Wexford, PA)** - \$1,000,000 - For the development of the next generation, light weight communications system with the U.S. Army.
- **Converteam (Harmar, PA)** - \$800,000 - For the development of advanced technology to control the performance of ship propulsion motors with the U.S. Navy.
- **Curtiss-Wright Corporation, Electro-Mechanical Division (Cheswick, PA)** - \$1,600,000 ½ For the research, development and testing of ship propulsion motors with the U.S. Navy.
- **eV Products, a division of II-VI Incorporated (Saxonburg, PA)** - \$1,360,000 ½ For the research and development of technology to detect explosives with the U.S. Army.
- **Ibis Tek, LLC (Butler, PA)** - \$800,000 - For the design, testing, and manufacturing of emergency escape windows for Humvees with the U.S. Army.
- **L-3 Communications Corporation (Harmar, PA)** - \$1,000,000 - For the research and development of lightweight weapons stations on top of armored vehicles with the U.S. Army.
- **PPG Industries (Allison Park, PA)** - \$1,600,000 - For the development of an advanced paint primer that is non-corrosive and environmentally-friendly for aircraft in the U.S. Air Force.

